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The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1 1. (currently amended) A method of trial purchase for allowing users of a
2 plurality of terminals connected to commodity providing means through a
3 network to experience a purchase procedure of a commodity provided from
4 said commodity providing means through said network, said method
5 comprising the steps of:
6 displaying information on a commodity provided from said commodity
7 providing means for trial purchase on one of said terminal terminals; and
8 performing said purchase procedure for trial purchase by the user using
9 said terminal; and
10 limiting further use of said purchase procedure by users who have had
11 prior experience with said purchase procedure.

1 2. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, further
2 comprising the steps of:
3 previously storing a destination of said commodity for trial purchase;
4 and
5 providing said commodity for trial purchase to said previously stored
6 destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said
7 terminal.

1 3. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, further
2 comprising the steps of:
3 previously storing a destination of said commodity for trial purchase;

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4 displaying said previously stored destination on said terminal when
5 said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said terminal; and
6 designating said previously stored destination or a newly designated
7 destination as a destination of said commodity.

1 4. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 3, further
2 comprising the step of storing said newly designated destination.

1 5. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, wherein said
2 commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 6. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 2, wherein said
2 commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 7. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 3, wherein said
2 commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

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1 8. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 4, wherein said
2 commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 9. (currently amended) A trial purchase system comprising:
2 a plurality of terminals; ~~and~~
3 commodity providing means connected to said plurality of terminals
4 through a network for displaying information on a commodity for trial
5 purchase on said terminal and providing said commodity for trial purchase to a
6 destination designated on said terminal when said commodity for trial
7 purchase is specified on said terminal; and

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8 means for limiting further use of said trial purchase system by users
9 who have had prior experience with said trial purchase system.

1 10. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said
2 commodity providing means includes means for previously storing said
3 destination and providing said commodity for trial purchase to said previously
4 stored destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said
5 terminal.

1 11. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said
2 commodity providing means includes means for previously storing said
3 destination and providing said commodity for trial purchase to a newly
4 designated destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on
5 said terminal and said new destination is designated therefor.

1 12. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, wherein said
2 commodity providing means includes means for storing said newly designated
3 destination.

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1 13. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 10, further
2 comprising customer information storing means for storing information on
3 said destinations.

1 14. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, further
2 comprising customer information storing means for storing information on
3 said destinations.

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1 15. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 12, further
2 comprising customer information storing means for storing information on
3 said destinations.

1 16. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, further
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on
3 said commodity.

1 17. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 10, further
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on
3 said commodity.

1 18. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, further
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on
3 said commodity.

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1 19. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 12, further
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on
3 said commodity.

1 20. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 13, further
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on
3 said commodity.

1 21. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 14, further
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on
3 said commodity.

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- 1 22. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 15, further
2 comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on
3 said commodity.
- 1 23. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 13, said backup means comprising means for holding the information
3 on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.
- 1 24. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 14, said backup means comprising means for holding the information
3 on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.
- 1 25. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 15, said backup means comprising means for holding the information
3 on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.
- 1 26. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 16, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity
3 information stored in said commodity information storing means.
- 1 27. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 17, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity
 information stored in said commodity information storing means.
- 1 28. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 18, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity
3 information stored in said commodity information storing means.

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1 29. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 19, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity
3 information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1 30. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 20, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity
3 information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1 31. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 21, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity
3 information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1 32. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according
2 to claim 22, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity
3 information stored in said commodity information storing means.

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1 33. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said
2 commodity providing means includes means for providing said commodity for
3 trial purchase at no charge.

1 34. (withdrawn) A method of gathering customer information on users of a
2 plurality of terminals from said terminals connected to a network, said method
3 comprising the steps of:

4 providing said terminal with information on a commodity for trial
5 purchase to allow experience of a procedure of commodity purchase through
6 said network; and

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7 causing entry of customer information on a user who makes an order
8 for a commodity based on said commodity information into said terminal
9 when said order is received.

1 35. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to
2 claim 34, wherein said customer information is previously stored and said
3 previously stored customer information is changeable when said commodity
4 for trial purchase is ordered on said terminal.

1 36. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to
2 claim 35, further comprising the step of storing the name of said commodity
3 for trial purchase in correspondence with the customer information of said
4 user who ordered said commodity.

1 37. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to
2 claim 34, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

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1 38. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to
2 claim 35, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 39. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to
2 claim 36, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1 40. (withdrawn) A customer information gathering system comprising:
2 a plurality of terminals; and
3 information gathering means connected to said plurality of terminals
4 through a network for providing said terminal with information on a
5 commodity for trial purchase to allow experience of a procedure of

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6 commodity purchase through said network and requiring entry of customer
7 information on a user who makes an order for a commodity based on said
8 commodity information when said order is received.

1 41. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 40, wherein said information gathering means includes means for
3 previously storing said customer information and allowing a change in said
4 previously stored customer information when said commodity for trial
5 purchase is ordered on said terminal.

1 42. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 41, wherein said information gathering means includes means for
3 storing the name of said commodity for trial purchase in correspondence with
4 the customer information of said user who ordered said commodity.

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1 43. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 41, further comprising customer information storing means for storing
3 said customer information.

1 44. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 42, further comprising customer information storing means for storing
3 said customer information.

1 45. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 40, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing
3 said information on said commodity.

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1 46. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 42, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing
3 said information on said commodity.

1 47. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 43, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing
3 said information on said commodity.

1 48. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 44, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing
3 said information on said commodity.

1 49. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering
2 system according to claim 43, said backup means comprising means for
3 holding said customer information stored in said customer information storing
4 means.

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1 50. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering
2 system according to claim 44, said backup means comprising means for
3 holding said customer information stored in said customer information storing
4 means.

1 51. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering
2 system according to claim 45, said backup means comprising means for
3 holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information
4 storing means.

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1 52. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering
2 system according to claim 46, said backup means comprising means for
3 holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information
4 storing means.

1 53. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering
2 system according to claim 47, said backup means comprising means for
3 holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information
4 storing means.

1 54. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering
2 system according to claim 48, said backup means comprising means for
3 holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information
4 storing means.

1 55. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to
2 claim 40, wherein said information gathering system includes means for
3 providing said commodity for trial purchase at no charge.

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1 56. (withdrawn) A selling system, connected to a plurality of terminals
2 through a network and held by a company, organization or the like providing a
3 commodity in response to an order from said plurality of terminals, for
4 providing a commodity for trial purchase for allowing users of said terminals
5 to experience a purchase procedure of said commodity to a destination
6 designated on said terminal, said selling system comprising means for
7 displaying information on said commodity for trial purchase on said terminal
8 and making an order to provide said commodity for trial purchase to said

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9 destination designated on said terminal when said commodity is specified on
10 said terminal.

1 57. (withdrawn) The selling system according to claim 56, further
2 comprising means for providing said commodity for trial purchase at no
3 charge.

1 58. (withdrawn) Backup means comprising means for holding functions of
2 said selling system according to claim 56 and information accumulated in said
3 selling system.

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1 59. (withdrawn) Backup means comprising means for holding functions of
2 said selling system according to claim 57 and information accumulated in said
3 selling system.
